

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) ~~In connection with a process~~ A process of preparing an air bag[,] ~~said process comprising by:~~

laying a pair of base fabric pieces impregnated and/or coated with silicone rubber one on the other, with the ~~impregnated or~~ coated surfaces of the pieces inside[.];

applying as a sealer an addition reaction curing type silicone rubber composition to peripheral portions of the base fabric pieces to be jointed[.]; and

joining the peripheral portions of the pieces together to form a bag,

an said addition reaction ~~curable~~ curing type silicone rubber composition ~~for use as a sealer to be applied to the peripheral portions of the base fabric pieces, the composition an aluminum hydroxide powder and curing into a silicone rubber having an elongation at break of at least 1000% comprising~~

(i) an organopolysiloxane containing at least two alkenyl radicals in a molecule,

(ii) an organohydrogenpolysiloxane containing at least two silicon atom-bonded hydrogen atoms in a molecule,

(iii) a platinum group metal catalyst, and

(iv) an aluminum hydroxide powder,

the composition curing into a silicone rubber having an elongation at break of at least 1000%.

2. (currently amended) The process ~~composition~~ of claim 1, wherein the aluminum hydroxide powder is untreated or surface treated with an agent selected from the group consisting of fatty acids, resin acids, organosilazanes and alkoxysilanes.

3. (currently amended) The process ~~composition~~ of claim 1, wherein the aluminum hydroxide powder has an average particle size of 0.01 to 50 μm .

4. (currently amended) The process ~~composition~~ of claim 1, wherein the addition curable silicone rubber composition further comprises

(i) ~~an organopolysiloxane containing at least two alkenyl radicals in a molecule,~~

(ii) ~~an organohydrogenpolysiloxane containing at least two silicon atom bonded hydrogen atoms in a molecule,~~

(iii) ~~a platinum group metal catalyst, and~~

(iv) (v) an organopolysiloxane resin comprising alkenyl-containing siloxane units and siloxane units of the formula: $\text{SiO}_{4/2}$ in a molecule.

5. (currently amended) The process ~~composition~~ of claim 4, wherein the composition further comprises an alkoxysilane or a partial hydrolytic condensate thereof.

6. (New) The process of claim 4, wherein the composition further comprises an organic titanium compound.

7. (New) The process of claim 5, wherein the composition further comprises an organic titanium compound.

8. (New) An air bag prepared from the process of claim 1.

9. (New) An airbag prepared from the process of claim 6.

10. (New) The process of claim 1 with the proviso that the composition does not contain calcium carbonate.